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Applicants: WATERMEIER et al.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 21, 2004, Applicants wish to clarify the reasons for allowance submitted by the examiner. The statement of the reasons for allowance should further include that the art of record, when considered alone or in combination, does not anticipate or render obvious devices as set forth in the claims.

Applicant believes the foregoing addition more accurately reflects the reasons the claims were allowed, and thus respectfully submits the same.

Sincerely,

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